

2 RUSSIANS ARRESTED BY F.B.I. FOR SPYING

2 U.N. Employees and a Diplomat Said to Seek Military Data

By Reuters

WASHINGTON, May 20—The Federal Bureau of Investigation said today that it had arrested two Soviet citizens working at the United Nations on espionage charges.

A statement said that a third Soviet diplomat was also involved but had not been arrested because he had diplomatic immunity.

The F.B.I. said the two men were arrested in Woodbridge, N.J., and identified them as Rudolf Petrovich Chernyayev and Valdik Aleksandrovich Enger.

Antisubmarine Warfare Gear Involved

Mr. Chernyayev, 43 years old, is a personnel officer at the United Nations Secretariat. Mr. Enger, 39 years old, is an assistant to one of the Under Secretary Generals of the United Nations.

The F.B.I. said that a co-conspirator with the two men was Vladimir Petrovich Zinyakin, also 39, attached to the Soviet mission to the United Nations.

The statement gave no details of the case but said that the arrests culminated an investigation dating back to August 1977. It said the arrest warrants were issued in Newark on May 12.

However, F.B.I. sources said the complaint that would be filed in court against the two men would charge them with attempting to obtain classified informa-

tion by bribery about United States anti-submarine warfare.

They added that the citizen who informed the F.B.I. of the bribe attempt had received \$16,000 from the three accused Soviet citizens since last August.

The F.B.I. statement said its investigation had been "coordinated very closely with the Naval Investigative Service and with the full cooperation of a U.S. citizen."

"Those arrested today will be brought before a U.S. magistrate as soon as possible. If convicted of the charges they could be sentenced up to life imprisonment."

The F.B.I. said Mr. Chernyayev was born in Noginsk in the Soviet Union. He had served at the Soviet Embassy in Washington for three months late in 1969, and returned to the United States to take up his United Nations position on May 19, 1974.

Mr. Enger came to the United States in 1973 as a member of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations General Assembly and returned in March 1974, for his current assignment.

Mr. Zinyakin came to the United States in January 1974.

The F.B.I. statement said Mr. Chernyayev and Mr. Zinyakin lived in Riverdale, the Bronx. It gave no address for Mr. Enger.

Last month, the top Soviet employee of the United Nations Secretariat declined to return to the Soviet Union. The employee, Arkadi Shevchenko, had been the Secretariat's Under Secretary General for Political and Security Council Affairs since April 1973. Before that, he was an adviser to Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko.

Mr. Shevchenko's wife and daughter returned to the Soviet Union from New York following his decision to remain. Mrs. Shevchenko subsequently committed suicide in the family's Moscow apartment.

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